

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) ~~A harvesting apparatus~~ Harvesting equipment ~~(1) for harvesting corn or similar stalk-like harvested products~~ stalked crops cultivated in a standardized manner with a standard distance between rows, the harvesting equipment (1) having comprising:

at least one link chain ~~(4, 5), which is provided with~~ including a tight side which is moved, in use, transversely to a driving direction of the harvesting apparatus, said at least one link chain including a plurality of chain elements articulated to one another and each including holding means for holding cut stalks of the stalked crops, the cut-down harvested products (3), and has a tight side (4a; 5a), which can be moved, when in use, transversely to the driving direction (F) of the harvesting equipment (1), wherein the ~~an extent (T) of an element (14, 15) of each of the plurality of chain elements of the link chain (4, 5), as measured in [[the]] a revolving direction (U1; U2), of the link chain essentially corresponds~~ corresponding approximately to a whole number divider of [[a]] the standard distance between rows (3a) of harvested products (3) cultivated, in a standardized manner.

2. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of apparatus~~ according to claim 1, wherein the ~~standardized standard~~ distance between rows (4T)

corresponds to approximately four times the extent of each of the plurality of chain elements (T) ~~in the revolving direction (U1, U2).~~

3. (Currently amended) A harvesting apparatus ~~Harvesting equipment~~ (1) ~~for corn or similar stalk-like harvested products~~ for stalked plants, ~~the harvesting equipment (1) comprising:~~

at least one link chain (4, 5), ~~which is provided with~~ including a tight side which is moved, in use, transversely to a driving direction of the harvesting apparatus, said at least one link chain including a plurality of chain elements articulated to one another, holding means (17, 18) for the cut-off harvested products (3) and having a tight side (4a, 5a), which, in use, can be moved transversely to the driving direction (F) of the harvesting equipment (1), especially harvesting equipment of one of the claims 1 or 2, wherein each of [[the]] said chain elements (14, 15), as uniform function bodies, are provided with defining a uniform function body including at least one of outwardly pointing cutting means (16) and/or and holding means (17, 18) for holding cut stalks of the stalked crops provided as an integral part of said uniform function body.

4. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of apparatus~~ according to claim 3, wherein each said [[the]] uniform function bodies (14, 15) have body includes three planes (S; H1, H2), of which a lower one (S) is of said three

planes being constructed as a cutting plane and a remaining two planes (H1, H2); of said three planes lying parallel above, are being constructed as holding planes for the severed harvested products (3) cut stalks.

5. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of~~ apparatus according to one of the claims 3 or 4, wherein each said [[the]] function bodies (14; 15) ~~adjoin~~ body adjoins an adjacent one another directly.

6. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of~~ apparatus according to claim one of the claims 3 or 4, wherein [[the]] each said function bodies (14; 15) ~~have~~ body includes deflection plates (21; 22), which are essentially vertical in function and follow [[the]] an extent [(T)] of each of the plurality of [[the]] chain elements (14; 15) in [[the]] a revolving direction (U1; U2) of the link chain.

7. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of~~ apparatus according to one of the claims 3 or 4 wherein the plurality of chain elements (14; 15) are connected with one another over axle shafts (19; 20) at [[the]] front and rear ends in [[the]] a revolving direction (U1; U2) of the link chain, and bodies of the axle (19a) of the axle shaft (19) are embraced in a sealing manner by [[the]] sleeve bodies (20a).

8. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of~~ apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the deflection plates (21, 22) extend between the axle shafts, surfaces of said deflection plates substantially covering a region therebetween ~~(19, 20) essentially over the whole surface~~.

9. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of~~ apparatus according to claim 6, wherein;

said holding planes include an upper holding plane and a lower holding plane;

[[a]] a lower deflection plate of the deflection plates [[(21)]] is disposed between the cutting plane [[(S)]] and [[a]] the lower holding plane [[(H1)]] which is disposed above the cutting plane [[(S)]; and

~~a further deflection plate (22)~~ an upper deflection plate of said deflection plates is disposed between [[this]] said lower holding plane [[(H1)]] and [[an]] said upper holding plane [[(H2)]].

10. (Currently amended) The harvesting ~~equipment of~~ apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the upper deflection plate [[(22)]] is offset counter to the driving direction [[(F)]] relative to the lower ~~one (21)~~ deflection plate.

11. (New) The harvesting apparatus according to claim 3, wherein each said function body includes deflection plates, which are essentially vertical in function and follow an extent of each of the plurality of chain elements in a revolving direction of the link chain.

12. (New) The harvesting apparatus according to one of claims 1 or 2, wherein each of said chain elements defines a uniform function body including said holding means provided as an integral part of said uniform function body.

13. (New) The harvesting apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said uniform function body further includes outwardly pointing cutting means provided as an integral part of said uniform function body.